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What do mental health professionals need to know about the recent executive orders regarding immigration? NBHP member agencies report that many of the immigrant and refugee families they serve are experiencing significant distress and serious mental health challenges following the release of these orders.

Join NBHP and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston on Tuesday, May 16, for a free continuing education presentation addressing the legal and clinical issues that have arisen in the last few months regarding these new immigration and deportation policies.

Attorney Zenobia T. Lai, program director of legal services for Catholic Charities, will provide clinicians with clear and accurate legal details regarding the executive orders. Following a break, Dr. Selma D. Yznaga, associate professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and a leading expert on mental health care for immigrant children and families, will explore how best to support the mental health needs of immigrants and refugees at this time. Both sessions will allow ample time for participant questions.

The Executive Orders on Immigration: Providing Information and Support to Families

Presenters: Dr. Selma D. Yznaga, Associate Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Zenobia T. Lai, Esq, Program Director Legal Services, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Location: University of St. Thomas, Scanlan Hall (4000 Mt Vernon Street, Houston, TX 77006)

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 8:30am to 11:45pm

CEU Credit: 2.5 hours of general CEUs available for psychologists, social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs,

To Learn More and to RSVP: <http://bit.ly/May2017NBHP>

We expect the event to fill, so please register early and reserve your spot.

All the best,

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Clinical Practice

- **Webinar - Developmental Trauma Disorders**
Date & Time: Wednesday, May 10, 2:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: NAADAC, Association for Addiction Professionals
Description: Adverse experiences of childhood can account for 32.4% of all mental health disorders, 41.2% of disruptive behavior disorders, 32.4% of anxiety disorders, 26.2% of mood disorders, and 21% of substance use disorders. These disorders are linked to early death, higher levels of incarceration and recidivism, reliance on social services, unemployment, and shorter life spans. As many of the individuals with substance use disorders fit within the definition of developmental trauma, addiction professionals need to know the dynamics of childhood trauma and neglect and their impact on the course of treatment and how to providing trauma-informed care (TIC).
- **Webinar - Building Bridges Initiative Overview**
Date & Time: Tuesday, May 23, 12:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: University of Maryland School of Social Work
Description: This Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Webinar for residential and oversight agency leaders other oversight agency, residential and community stakeholders, including family and youth advocates, will provide an overview of residential transformation projects across the country. Beth Caldwell, Director of BBI, will share specifics about the BBI framework and principles, including examples of residential best practices that correlate to achieving sustained positive outcomes post residential discharge for youth and their families. Examples of how several residential leaders have transformed their residential programs will be highlighted. The webinar will also feature family and youth advocates that have had residential experiences; they will share highlights of how to successfully engage youth and families.

EHRs, Security, and IT

- **HHS wants 30% of its systems in the cloud this year:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services plans to increase the adoption rate of cloud services this year from 18.5 percent to 30 percent of its systems, HHS Chief Information Officer Beth Killoran said during a Federal News Radio online interview. HHS became the first federal agency to authorize a cloud service provider through the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program in May 2013. Killoran said cloud adoption went from 1 percent in 2015 to 18.5 percent in 2016 -- including an HHS financial system upgrade. To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).



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- ***More states reimburse for telemedicine under Medicaid than you think:***
The Center for Connected Health Policy has released the fifth edition of its State Telehealth Laws and Reimbursement Policies Report. CCHP uncovered many notable findings in the new report. Perhaps chief among those: 48 states and Washington, D.C., provide reimbursement for some form of live video in Medicaid fee-for-service. To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).

Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams Revenue—Resources Related to Insurance Billing and Credentialing

- ***Webinar - 30 Minutes On: Proposed Changes Impacting Medicaid Enrollment & Continuity of Benefits***
Date & Time: Monday, May 8, 12:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Corporation for Supportive Housing and National Alliance to End Homelessness
Description: Proposed reforms to health care in the United States could have serious negative impacts on the most vulnerable people in our communities. There's a lot at play, and a lot at stake. Learn more about these proposed reforms in 30 Minutes On, a new webinar series hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Corporation for Supportive Housing and National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***6 Steps to Creating a Culture of Person and Family Engagement in Health Care:*** When patients and families are partners in planning and making decisions about their care, health outcomes are better, patient experience and satisfaction improves, and often, costs are lower. Health care practices can adopt a variety of strategies to improve person and family engagement. Changes can range from improving office workflow, to improving how care team members interface with the patient and family, to developing shared decision-making strategies that ensure treatment is understood by and meaningful to the individual patient. This toolkit is designed for healthcare practices participating in the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, but will be of value to any practice seeking strategies to improve person and family engagement. It provides guidance on creating a practice culture that emphasizes and incorporates the patient and family perspective in every aspect of care, to ultimately improve quality of care. To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).



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Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Health Reform Update: New Amendment Has Congress Moving Forward on Repeal and Replace:*** A new amendment to the American Health Care Act (AHCA) would give states greater authority to roll back key provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including the essential health benefits and protections for those with pre-existing conditions. This amendment could be particularly harmful to those with mental illness and addiction as it would create greater barriers to accessing care and having these important services offered at parity with primary care services. To view more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).
- ***Spending bill funds healthcare initiatives to fight opioid abuse, create telehealth center:*** The spending bill hammered out by lawmakers Sunday night is considered a win for Democrats, and gives \$50 million to fight opioid abuse, but is flat for insurers looking for stability in the Affordable Care Act market. As expected, the bill includes no guarantee of Congressional funding for cost-sharing reduction payments to insurers. To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).

The nonprofit Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) consists of mental health and substance use providers in the greater Houston area. NBHP provides a forum for the behavioral health leaders in the community to work together on issues of common concern. Working on its own and in partnership with other entities at both the local and state levels, the Network has become a strong voice on behalf of behavioral health service providers and the individuals they serve. To learn more, visit our website at nbhp.org.